Lady Doctor in CGHS Dispensary

561. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that no lady doctor has so far been posted in the Homoeopathy dispensary, Sector 12, R.K. Puram, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the specific reasons therefor;

(c) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to fill up the post of lady doctor in the aforesaid dispensary; and

(d) if so, by when; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Since the doctors are appointed through the UPSC, there cannot be a fixed ratio of male/female doctors in the cadre and thereby in the respective dispensaries. However, efforts shall be made to post a lady doctor in the aforesaid dispensary subject to administrative convenience.

Dental care for CGHS beneficiaries

562. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the CGHS beneficiaries are entitled to dental care/services, including procedures, etc. that can be availed by them as outdoor patients;

(b) the number of CGHS beneficiaries in Delhi and the number of dental doctors in various hospitals/institutions in Delhi covered in CGHS, available for the purpose; and

(c) whether Government propose to strengthen the infrastructure for providing better dental care to the CGHS beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) CGHS beneficiaries are entitled for general and specialized dental treatment which include consultation and diagnosis, dental fillings, RCT, scaling and oral prophylaxis,

extraction, impaction, periodontal surgery, fracture of maxilofacial skeleton, artho-centesis, cyst and tumors of jaws, incisional and excisional biopsy, management of precancerous lesion, repair of oro-antral and oro-nasal fistula, management of maxillofacial space infection and awareness regarding oral health etc. Beneficiaries are also entitled for reimbursement of the cost of dentures with a ceiling limit of Rs. 1,000/-per jaw.

(b) and (c) Improvement/strengthening of CGHS services is continuous process.

There are 19,67,716 beneficiaries registered under CGHS Delhi, at present. There are 86 dental doctors providing treatment in 22 CGHS recognized private hospitals and 7 dental surgeons under CGHS are providing treatment in the CGHS wings of Safdarjung and RML hospitals and in the CGHS Polyclinics.

Banning of Gutkha

563. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to ban Gutkha on lines of the Government of Maharashtra as it causes cancer to the users;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the names of the States which have banned the Gutkha?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Sale of Gutka was banned by some States namely, Maharashtra, Goa, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Pondicherry under the provisions of Section 7(iv) of the Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Act, 1955. However, the prohibition order on the sale of Gutkha imposed under Section 7(iv) of PFA Act, 1954 by these States has since been quashed by the Supreme Court of India (SLP No.24449 of 2002 decided on 2nd August 2004), declaring the impugned notifications as bad in law, illegal and unforceable.